

AMENDED VERSION

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A method of attenuating a viral respiratory infection by administering an effective amount of a blocker agent for blocking and down-regulating ICAM-1 expression and viral respiratory infection in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, thereby preventing viral respiratory infection.

9. (Amended) A method of attenuating RSV infection by administering an effective amount of a blocker that blocks the binding of RSV to ICAM-1, thereby preventing RSV infection.

10. (Amended) A method of preventing(attenuating) RSV infection by administering an effective amount of a blocker that down regulates and blocks the expression of ICAM-1, thereby decreasing RSV binding to ICAM-1 and preventing RSV infection.